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SESSION 1866-67

Seventh Meeting, 25th February, 1867.

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

PRESENTATIONS.—*The Rev. Pierce Butler ; Alexander F. Low, Esq. ;
Henri L. Bischoffsheim, Esq.*

ELECTIONS.—*Henri Louis Bischoffsheim, Esq. ; Dr. D. Brandis, F.L.S. ;
T. W. Forsyth, Esq., C.B. (Bengal Civil Service) ; Jones Lamprey, Esq.,
M.D. (67th Regt.) ; Rev. Samuel Martin Mayhew ; Colonel the Right Hon.
Lord Seaton ; Edward Thornton, Esq., C.B.*

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The following Papers were read :—

1. *An Exploration of the River Aquiry, an Affluent of the Purus.* By W. CHANDLESS, Esq., M.A., Gold Medallist of the Royal Geographical Society.

THE Author began by recapitulating the chief points of interest in his narrative of the Exploration of the Purus in 1864-5, which was read last Session before the Society, whilst he was on his second journey (in 1865-6) up the river to examine its chief affluent the Aquiry. For the first fifty miles the Purus is a fine broad river, in parts broad and straight enough to give a fair water-horizon. Above this begin the numerous abrupt windings that add so much to its length. This unexpected tortuousness has thrown wrong most calculations about the Purus made from information obtained on the Amazons; thus Count de Castelnau estimates that the mouth of a certain affluent of the river must be at least as far south as 12° , that is more than 8 deg. of latitude from the Amazons; but it is really in latitude $7^{\circ} 48'$, or only 4 deg. south of the main river. There are very few settlers on the Purus; the one furthest from its mouth—about 250 miles—being an intelligent enterprising man who has begun to make a plantation of india-rubber trees, but he complained that the macaws bite off and drop down the unripe seeds of all the trees in the neighbourhood, so that it was difficult to get good seeds. The Indian tribes of the river are, in ascending, first, the Muras, who thinly people its banks for 250 or 300 miles; second, the Puru-purus, or Pammarys, essentially a water-side tribe, unwarlike and good-humoured; third, the Hypurinás, a grave